

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10-12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 are amended. Claim 31 is added. The claim amendments and added claim introduce no new matter. Claims 1-7, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims, as drawn to a non-elected group of claims. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Shah and Martin in the July 24, 2007 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action, on page 2, rejects claims 8, 10, 14, 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,462,590 to Yui et al. (hereinafter "Yui") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0025588 to Takemoto. The Office Action, on pages 5-12, varyingly rejects claims 11, 12, 17, 18, 24, 26, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Takemoto and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patents Nos. 5,777,023 to Pavlin, 6,471,348 to Koitabashi, or 6,387,506 to Kawamura et al. (hereinafter "Kawamura"), or U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0050226 to Oki et al (hereinafter "Oki"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Specifically, as was agreed during the July 24 personal interview, Yui, Takemoto, Pavlin, Oki, Koitabashi, and Kawamura, individually or in combination, do not teach, nor would they have suggested, an ink jet ink composition including at least one amine compound wherein a content of the amine compound is in a range of 13 to 30% by mass, as recited in independent claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

As such, no combination of the applied references can reasonably be considered to have suggested the combinations of all of the features positively recited in independent claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30. Claims 10-12 and 18 also would not have been suggested by the applied references for at least the respective dependence of these claims on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the enumerated claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the varying combinations of applied references are respectfully requested.

Claim 31 is allowable for at least its dependence on claim 8, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that that claim recites.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 8, 10-12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Request for Continued Examination

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